

REMARKS

The claims remaining in the application are 1 through 20. Claims 8, 9, 11 and 12 are amended. Claims 14-20 are new.

The changes to the specification and claims herein have been made primarily to bring the application into conformance with U.S. Rules 37 CFR as the corresponding PCT application enters national filing.

In reviewing the application, it was discovered that there were inadvertent grammatical or spelling errors in the paragraph bridging pages 5-6 and in the first paragraph on page 16; these inadvertent errors have been corrected herein. These changes were made merely to correct clerical problems and were not made for any reason substantially related to patentability.

Claim 8 has been reworded to provide a proper Markush group under the U.S. Rules.

Claim 9 has been amended to correct an inadvertent grammatical error.

Claim 11 has been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Claim 12 has been amended to remove language general claim language directed to the description and the drawings, and this language replaced by more specific language relating to the apparatus. This language finds support in the application as filed on page 13, lines 3-15 and elsewhere and thus does not constitute an improper insertion of new matter.

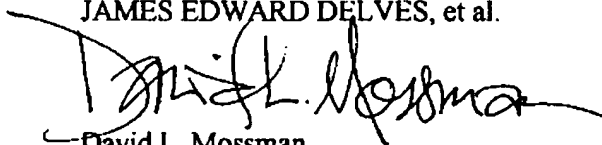
New claim 13 has been added to provide an independent apparatus claim of different scope for the Examiner's consideration. Claim 13 includes language from original claim 1 as filed, from claim 12 as described above, and from page 13, line 3 to page 14, line 9 of the application as originally filed and thus does not constitute an improper insertion of new matter.

New claims 14-20 are method claims that correspond to some of the apparatus claims as originally filed, for the Examiner's additional consideration. New independent claim 14 corresponds to original independent claim 1; new dependent claim 15 corresponds to original dependent claim 2; new dependent claim 16 corresponds to original dependent claim 3; new dependent claim 17 corresponds to original dependent claim 5; new dependent claim 18 corresponds to original dependent claim 6; new dependent claim

19 corresponds to original dependent claim 9; and new dependent claim 20 corresponds to original dependent claim 11. Because of the indicated support, both in the original claims as indicated and in the specification as originally filed, none of the new method claims constitutes an improper insertion of new matter, it is respectfully submitted. These changes were made to provide alternative language for the Examiner to consider.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments and arguments presented above place the original and amended claims in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of the claims, original, new and as amended, are respectfully requested. The Examiner is respectfully reminded of the duty to indicate allowable subject matter. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number below for any reason, especially any reason that may help advance the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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